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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Chief of Operations, DD/P [redacted]

25X1 SUBJECT: Comments on [redacted] Memorandum to the
25X1 Director [redacted]

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25X1 1. Returning from [redacted] was filled with doubts
and reservations concerning the effective build-up of [redacted]
strength. He felt that the difficulties were attributable to three major
causes:

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25X1 b. Blank Office planning which was too fast and too gran-
diose in terms of available manpower and resources (with criti-
cism implied of Blank Office personnel.)

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c. Lack of positive American advice to [redacted]
planners.

2. Because the above three causes are not interrelated and each of
them is complex, it seems best to comment on them separately:

a. Population Attitudes

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(1) This office does not share the opinion expressed [redacted]
[redacted] that the alleged [redacted]
interfere with the effectiveness [redacted]

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Atmosphere at certain political rallies.

Popular participation in parades and retreat ceremonies of
the border police.

Competition among municipalities for border police and alert
police garrisons.

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Attitude and interest of the audience during [redacted]
show.

Cover sheet
dated by CPC
and [redacted]

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